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A TRVE RELATION

Of the death of the Lord BROOKS, who was ſlaine by a bullet diſcharged againſt him as he ſtood in a window againſt the Minſter at LICHFIELD;

VVith the deſcription of a bloody conſpiracy prevented by Gods providence, from deſtroying the Councell of warre at Stratford upon Avon, wherein is a true relation of theſe particulers following.

1. *Of the [illegible] of the Lord* Brooks *his Army.*

2. The Parliament forces that went to Stratford.

- The Lord *Brooks.*
- Colonell *Purifoys.*
- Captaine *Bridges.*
- Ceptaine *Hunt.*
- Captaine *Gardner* and his Regiment.
- A Regiment of Dragooners.
- A Regiment of Foot.

3. The Cavaliers Commanders.

- Colonell *Wagſtaffe.*
- L. *Robert.*
- Ser. Ma. *Ruſſel.*
- Captaine *Triſke.*
- L. *Sallington*, &c.

4. *The manner of the fight at Stratford.*
5. *The manner of the contriving of the Plot.*
6. *The blowing up of the Town-hall, and the hurt it did.*
7. *The Lord* Brooks *his valour before his death.*
8. *The relation of his death.*
9. *Advertiſement to the City of London.*

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BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL

1. *The marching of the Army.*

ON Wednesday the 22 of February the Lord *Brookes* marched to Northampton, where they abode untill the next morning, and then marched to Coventry, from which place his Lordship sent warrants to the Country townes adjacent to come in for the defence of the safety of the Country against the Cavalliers; and his Lordship was informed that 300. of them were newly come from the Kings Army to strengthen Stratford upon Avon, whereupon his Lordship marched to VVarwicke on Friday, and sent 20 Dragooners to give them an alarum that night, by reason of the feare whereof, they were kept waking all the night, to the end that they should be lesse able to resist them the day following, which was Saturday the 25 of February, which day they marched up, and drew neare the Towne about eight of the clocke in the morning, and repaired to the Van.

2. *The Parliament forces that were drawne up for Stratford upon Avon.*

The Lord *Brookes.*
Colonel *Purifoys* with his Regiment.
Captaine *Bridges.*
Captaine *Gardner*, and his troops.
Captaine *Hunt.*
A Regiment of Dragooners.

A Regiment of foot.

The Country came in in that abundance, protesting to live and dye with the Lord *Brookes* in defence of the King and Parliament, and there was no need of any of them to march with this part of the Army to Stratford.

3. *The Cavaliers at Stratford were*, viz.

Colonell *Wagstaffe*.
Sir *Robert*.
Sergeant Major *Russel*.
Captaine *Trisk*.
Lieutenant *Sallington*, &c.

4. *The fight at Stratford.*

The Lord *Brooks* drew the greatest part of these forces to the van about eight of the clock in the morning, and another part marched before the towne, the horse first croſſing on the other ſide, ſo that they ſtood like an halfe moone; the enemy hearing of their approach ſallied out of the towne, and viewed their forces; and the Lord *Brookes* let fire a drake againſt them, which ran through the midſt of them, and put them to great fright, and the Lord *Brookes* marched up toward them but they marced into the towne, and were ſtill purſued, till they were driven out of the town again, ſome flying one way, and ſome another in great diſtraction, there were but two of them ſlaine; but Captaine *Triske* one of their chiefe Commanders is dangerouſly hurt, with ſome others of their forces, and there were taken priſoners Lieutenant *Saltingſtone*, and five more which were

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ſent to VVarwick, and doe now remaine in the County Goale.

5 *The plot laid in the Towne Hall againſt the Lord* Brookes, *and his Commanders.*

The Cavaliers ſeeing no hopes to reſiſt the Lord *Brookes* went to the Towne Hall at Stratford upon Avon, where all the Ammunition lay, which was a very faire Hall, & a great deal of Ammunition in it, at which place, as it appeares, they did perceive that the Lord *Brooks*, Colonell *Puriſoys*, and the reſt of his Captaines & Colonels intended to ſit in Councel of war, at which place they laid the Ammunition for an hellish deſigne againſt them to blow them all up in a moment; when they were there together in a Councell of war; As the bloody minded Papiſts plotted the Gunpowder treaſon againſt the King, Queen, Prince, Nobles, and Commons in Parliament, to have ſlaine them all at one blow, ſuch was this plot of theſe cruel Cavaliers againſt the Councell of war at Stratford upon Avon by powder and ſhot, rubbiſh and ſuch materials as they had laid for the purpoſe to blow them up, and cut them off in a moment, and this was cunningly handled by the making of a traine of powder to run along from the barrels of powder to a piece of match left at ſuch a length as ſhould, as they intended, juſt meet the powder at the time of their ſitting, that ſo it might give fire at the time intended, which was done with great circumſpectneſſe as they thought, to perform this bloody maſſacre,

and the match being lighted, they withdrew themselves from the Hall.

6. *The blowing of the Hall up, and the hurt it did.*

The Lord *Brookes* being marched into the towne of Stratford upon Avon, and taking time to send away the Cavaliers that were taken to VVarwick Gaole, and to settle the towne in quiet, as to cause by strict order that was taken, that none of the army should pillage, or take away any thing from any inhabitants of the towne, which order the souldiers observed with great respect, but by the prolonging of time hereby it pleased God to preserve the lives of those who live to fight his cause, for which we have all cause to blesse God; for when they thought all had been quiet and well, and the Lord *Brooks*, with the Colonels and Captaines were going to sit in Councell, and at the towne Hall, they heard a noise as if some houses had fallen downe, and looking about they saw the towne Hall, torne in peeces, and a great smoake, which caused a most lamentable and pitifull cry in the towne, and when it was perceived what was done, they went to view this businesse, where in God had so wonderfully delivered them, and it was found that the Hall was torne in peeces in such a manner that it is utterly ruined, and divers houses thereabouts have received some small damage, one of the townesmen was slaine, and foure more burnt and bruised, who are very ill, and this was all the hurt which it did; Oh the great cause that we have to praise God for

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such deliverances as these; the Lord hath done great things for us, if we had but hearts to consider it.

7. *The Lord* Brooks *his valour before his death.*

The Lord *Brooks* with his Army having rendred great thankes to Almighty God for this great deliverance, for which we have all cause to joyne with them in praising God, he is thereby encouraged to go on for the glory of God, the honour of the King, and good of the Kingdome, being very sensible of Gods goodnesse which he doth apprehend in full measure, and he goes on very nobly with courage and fortitude, and thousands are come, and daily did come to aid him, and were very forward with money, horse and Ammunition according to their power. Neither can I passe by with silence one thing in Mr *Bookers* almanack, for the very next day after Ian. 26. as in his almanack doth appeare, he saith, *Curias civitatum probe perlustravit & inspexerit, is mira cognoscet*, we have all cause to give God thankes both for this, and all other mercies to poore England, which hath made knowne to us these distracted times.

8. *A relation of the Lord* Brooks *his death.*

The Lord *Brooks* having with his army marched to Lychfield and there gained the towne with great facility, for the Countrey came in very fast to aid him against the Cavaliers, and having setled the towne (as he thought) his Lordship standing in a window on the street side, was shot through the head by an unfortu-

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nate bullet discharged against him out of the Minster by one of those bloody Cavaliers, one knowne to be a most disloyall wicked fellow, to whom he had immediately before shewne mercy; by which we may see what their dealings would be with us, and all true Protestants if they were peaceably entertained into the City, like snakes received into our bosomes, we should be in continuall danger of an unexpected generall throat cutting, or some bloody tragedy. the Lord have mercy upon us, and keep us from being a prey to the wolfe like Cavaliers, and bloody minded Papists.

An advertisement to the City of London.

It doth concerne the City of London to look about them at this time: It is credibly reported that at Cyleſter, as also at Malborough, & divers other places where the Cavaliers have done most mischief, there hath some few daies before repaired many Irish women to those places, whose custome is to pillage and rob the places the Cavalies have taken; they indeed have done many times much mischiefe: these forerunners of mischiefe have within this two or three dayes beene much observed to be about Lonon. There are also many Irish Cavaliers with long rapiers have beene observed, some of them terming themselves Innes of Court Gentlemen, &c. who have been disproved most palpably. It is time to look about us, except we will suffer our selves to perish: the Lord direct us, God blesse King *Charles*, be with his Parliament, and blesse us all, *Amen*.

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